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LAND JOURNEY



NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

# Apulia

Undiscovered Italy

## Inspiring Moments

- Relax on your hotel's terrace and witness **magnificent Adriatic skies** melt into the cerulean sea.
- Wander through the fascinating Sassi districts of **timeless Matera**.
- Delight in **Lecce's architecture**, from its amphitheater to elegant churches
- Take in sweeping panoramic views of the **Apulian countryside** at a local vineyard.
- View **Alberobello's** conical trulli houses and wander through **luminous Ostuni**.
- Taste **Apulia's simple** cuisine crafted with homegrown flavors and family recipes.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

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## Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city ✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Bari and transfer 🚗 to hotel in Polignano a Mare
- Day 3** Bari | Polignano a Mare
- Day 4** Locorotondo | Alberobello
- Day 5** Lecce | Ostuni
- Day 6** Trani | Bisceglie
- Day 7** Matera
- Day 8** Polignano a Mare
- Day 9** Transfer 🚗 to Bari airport and depart for gateway city ✈

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants. **Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

## Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - **7 nights** in Polignano a Mare, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Covo dei Saraceni.
- Extensive Meal Program**
  - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
  - **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
  - **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
  - **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
  - **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
  - **Electives and free time** to pursue your individual interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.

Above: Polignano a Mare



**A World of Discovery**

**AHI Connects | Family Winery.** Visit a family-owned vineyard, famous for its white grape varieties. Tour the property and enjoy a tasting of wine made from native white grapes, followed by a light snack.

**AHI Connects | Olive Oil Mill.** Travel to the countryside to tour a family-run olive mill. Sample freshly pressed oils and relax over lunch, followed by a gathering with the staff or owners to discuss life in Italy.

**Beautiful Bari.** This ancient seaport boasts narrow lanes and a pretty harbor with colorful boats bobbing on their moors. Step inside the Basilica of St. Nicholas, tour the historic port and revel in views along Bari's pretty seaside promenade.

**Wonders of Polignano a Mare.** Discover this ancient village that rises dramatically from craggy limestone cliffs. Admire its medieval Marchesale Arch, stroll the old town's cobbled lanes and inhale fragrant flowering plants and baked goods. Peek inside artisans' workshops and experience the warm hospitality of local residents.

**Locorotondo.** Enjoy a journey to medieval Locorotondo, where gleaming white buildings swirl down a hilltop setting.

**Alberobello.** Discover the trulli dwellings, mysterious dome-shaped buildings dotting the landscape, many of which are pieced together without mortar.

**Barocco Lecce.** Lecce's 17th-century structures display beautiful caryatids and lyrical scrolls. Visit Piazza Sant' Oronzio, and view the Roman amphitheater, which dates from Emperor Hadrian's era. Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce and admire its rose window and intricately carved capitals.

**White City of Ostuni.** Gaze at the white-washed buildings that cascade over the side of Ostuni's hilltop perch. Get lost in labyrinthine passages of the old town, visit the magnificent cathedral and soak up vistas from atop the ancient city walls.

**Sassi di Matera.** Initially gouged out by troglodytic nomads, the rock-hewn cave dwellings of Matera were carved into the soft calcareous rock straddling both sides of a steep ravine. Honeycombed throughout the Sassi are more than 100 rock churches decorated with delicate frescoes. During a visit, marvel at the intricate, ornate façades.

**Trani.** Explore the historic seaport of Trani. Known for its Moscato di Trani wine and savory figs, this fishing town is home to a 13th-century fort and a cathedral nestled in the harbor of the Adriatic. Take note of the distinguishing Norman houses, a typically English-Romanesque style of architecture.



Sassi di Matera

**Enrichment**

- History, Agriculture & Beauty of Apulia
- History & Architecture of Lecce
- Contemporary Italy

**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. **The Trulli of Alberobello**
2. **The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera**

**Electives | Go further afield**

**Private Cooking Experience.** Join a local chef for a cooking lesson. Learn techniques for making a canapé, first-course and more. Enjoy lunch accompanied by fine wines.

*(At an additional cost.)*

**Accommodations**

**Hotel Covo dei Saraceni |**

Polignano a Mare



**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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**AHI Travel Expertise**

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel Coordinator |** Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

**Let us arrange your flights!**

**AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

**2025 Departures & Pricing**

**April 30 – May 8, 2025**

Full Price From \$3,945

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**\*Early Booking Special Price From \$3,195**

\*Early Booking Special Price valid if booked by expiration date on website and paid in full at booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$250 per person. VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$295 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.